

## DCA Programs



Are you doing great things for the environment? Do you participate in voluntary environmental events? Does your workplace go above and beyond regulatory requirements? If you answered yes, then [KY EXCEL](#) is a program for you.



The [Operator Certification Program](#) trains and certifies wastewater and drinking water system operators to ensure that these environmental professionals are qualified and prepared to properly treat and protect Kentucky's water resources.



The [Brownfield Program](#) helps communities and property owners identify meaningful solutions that encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of underused, contaminated properties.

### Newly Designated Kentucky Climate Action Plan Council

The Kentucky Climate Action Plan Council (KCAPC), a group that includes elected leaders and representatives of some of the top energy-using industries in Kentucky, has the responsibility of developing a plan by December to address the causes and likely consequences of climate change.

The KCAPC was established to identify opportunities for Kentucky to respond to the challenge of global climate change and any federal legislation or regulation to address greenhouse gas emissions while becoming more energy efficient, more energy independent and spurring economic growth. To read more about the group and its mission, go to <http://www.energy.ky.gov/KCAPC.htm> or <http://www.kyclimatechange.us/>.

### Correction for Date of the Wastewater Compliance Monitoring Workshop

In a previous issue, the date for the Wastewater Compliance Monitoring Workshop was listed incorrectly. The correct date is Feb. 19, 2010. The session will begin at 8 a.m. at the DEP Training Center located at 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Ky. Registration information and agenda can be found at [www.dca.ky.gov](http://www.dca.ky.gov). Seats are still available.

### Area Source Workshop for Auto Body Shops

Auto body shops and other facilities that engage in spray coating operations are subject to new air quality rules that recently went into effect. This rule, commonly referred to as 6H for the section of the federal regulations it is established in, sets standards for employee training, filters, spray booths, paint guns and cleaning techniques. By implementing this rule, facilities will be able to reduce the air quality pollutants that typically originate from surface coating applications.

This training, a follow-up to the introductory training that DCA provided two years ago, will cover the applicability of 6H to spray surface-coating operations. It will address the reporting, recordkeeping and best management practice requirements defined in the rule. It will also cover opportunities for facilities to reduce their waste and save money. You are encouraged to attend this half-day event.

This workshop will be held on March 5, 2010, at the DEP Training Center, 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. Check-in begins at 8:00 AM, and the class starts at 8:30. Register online at [www.dca.ky.gov](http://www.dca.ky.gov).



Environmental laws can often be confusing and challenging. The [Environmental Compliance Assistance Program](#) helps regulated entities understand and comply with environmental obligations, advocates for entities under represented in the regulatory process and facilitates moving beyond compliance to environmental leadership.

## **CDC Issues Guidance Regarding H1N1 Waste Handling and Disposal**

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued guidance documents concerning waste handling, disinfection and disposal associated with the 2009 H1N1 flu in different settings. To read these informational documents, go to <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/nonhaz/industrial/medical/h1n1.htm#guidance>.

## **EPA Releases *Water Quality Scorecard: Incorporating Green Infrastructure Practices at the Municipal, Neighborhood, and Site Scales***

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is releasing a first-of-its-kind water quality scorecard that will help communities in rural, suburban and urban settings incorporate green infrastructure practices to protect local water quality and improve both the built and natural environment. The *Water Quality Scorecard* was developed to help local governments identify opportunities to remove barriers and revise and create codes, ordinances and incentives to better protect water quality. The scorecard guides municipal staff, stormwater managers, planners and other stakeholders through a review of relevant local codes and ordinances to ensure that these codes work together to support a green infrastructure approach. The scorecard also provides policy options, resources and case studies. More information is available at [www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/water\\_scorecard.htm](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/water_scorecard.htm).

## **EPA 2009 Toxic Release Inventory Software Now Active**

The EPA has announced that the reporting software for 2009 Toxic Release Inventory reporting year is now active and can be used for reporting that is due by July 1, 2010. For information on reporting options, visit <http://www.epa.gov/tri/report/software/index.htm>. The Web-based software called TRI Made Easy, or TRIMEweb, can be accessed at [https://cdx.epa.gov/epa\\_home.asp](https://cdx.epa.gov/epa_home.asp). The downloadable version of TRIME is no longer available for TRI reporting starting in RY2009. To determine if your facility is required to report under TRI, visit <http://www.epa.gov/tri/threshold/index.htm>.

For more information on TRI, including tutorials for using TRIMEweb, visit [http://www.epa.gov/tri/triprogram/tri\\_program\\_fact\\_sheet.htm](http://www.epa.gov/tri/triprogram/tri_program_fact_sheet.htm), <http://www.epa.gov/tri/index.htm> and <http://www.epa.gov/tri/report/software/trimeweb/index.htm>.

## **UST Quarterly Winter Issue Is Now Available**

The winter issue of the UST Quarterly is now available. This publication provides programmatic news from the Kentucky Underground Storage Tank Branch to underground storage tank owners, operators, certified contractors, professional organizations and other interested stakeholders. To read this issue, go to [www.waste.ky.gov/branches/ust/publications](http://www.waste.ky.gov/branches/ust/publications).

## **Site Connects Recycled Plastics Buyers and Suppliers**

Plastics Market.org is a Web site whose purpose is to connect suppliers and buyers of all types of scrap plastic (from bales to post-consumer resin). It's supported by the plastics industry and intended for use by the recycling industry in the United States and Canada. This site is NOT intended for the general public or household plastics. For more information, go to <http://plasticmarkets.org/>.

### **EPA's New Eyes on Drilling Tip Line**

The EPA announced the creation of the [Eyes on Drilling](#) tip line for citizens to report nonemergency suspicious activity related to oil and natural gas development. The agency is asking citizens to call 1-877-919-4EPA (toll free) if they observe what appears to be illegal disposal of wastes or other suspicious activity. Anyone may also send reports by e-mail to [eyesondrilling@epa.gov](mailto:eyesondrilling@epa.gov). Citizens may provide tips anonymously if they don't want to identify themselves.

In the event of an emergency, such as a spill or release of hazardous material, including oil, to the environment, citizens are advised to call the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802. The number for the Emergency Response Team is 800-928-2380. For more information, visit [http://www.epa.gov/region03/marcellus\\_shale/tipline.html](http://www.epa.gov/region03/marcellus_shale/tipline.html).

### **EPA Issues New NAAQS for Nitrogen Dioxide**

According to the EPA, the [new one-hour NO2 standard](#) will protect millions of Americans from peak short-term exposures, which primarily occur near major roads. Short-term exposures to NO2 have been linked to impaired lung function and increased respiratory infections, especially in people with asthma. The agency set the new one-hour standard for NO2 at a level of 100 parts per billion (ppb). EPA also is retaining the existing annual average standard of 53 ppb.

The EPA expects to identify or designate areas not meeting the new standard, based on the existing communitywide monitoring network, by January 2012. New monitors must begin operating no later than Jan. 1, 2013. When three years of air quality data are available from the new monitoring network, the EPA intends to redesignate areas as appropriate. A fact sheet on the final rule is [available here](#).

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